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life nearer to their pupils. A number of these experiments—clubs, plays, banquets, the Roman state at the East High School, Rochester, N. Y.—have been noticed in these pages from time to time, and the *Journal* takes pleasure in drawing attention to a suggestion made by Mr. Mason D. Gray, of the high school just mentioned. Mr. Gray thinks that much time and labor would have been saved by his colleagues and himself if they could have benefited more by the practical experience of others. The information found in books about the conduct of Roman elections, the procedure at trials, the drapery of the toga, the manufacture of scrolls, etc., is not very helpful, because it is not written with a view to practical realization. He thinks that in these matters and others, such as the simplification of plays for high-school acting, a loose organization of interested teachers, who would furnish each other with full accounts of what they are doing along these lines, would be of benefit.

We are in sympathy with all efforts of this kind, and shall be glad to help, so far as we can, any movement looking toward a closer co-operation among classical teachers in this direction. Much can be done through the columns of the *Journal*, and we suggest that contributors in preparing their accounts of clubs, political organizations, plays, and other entertainments, for publication in the *Journal* bear in mind the probability that many readers may be planning or engaged in a similar undertaking. The article, therefore, should be as concrete as possible, telling just what the practical difficulties of the enterprise were and in what way they were overcome.

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#### THE SALARIES OF TEACHERS

At the last meeting of the Association in Chicago, a committee was appointed to investigate the question of the salaries of classical teachers in the territory. The results of the investigation will be of interest to teachers of all subjects, for there is no reason to suppose that classical instructors are rated lower than others. That all classes of teachers from the grade school to the university are compelled to carry on their work under the most discouraging financial conditions is a fact well known to all members of the profession, and the sooner the dismal details of the situation are widely circulated among the public at large, the nearer the possibility of redress. The

average teacher's salary is not only an inadequate recompense for the work he does, but its smallness prevents his doing the best work of which he is capable. Hundreds of ambitious teachers who realize the advantages of a year or two of graduate study in some university are obliged by lack of funds to abandon all thought of it. Moreover, many are compelled to devote to outside work the spare hours which they would gladly give to the pursuit of their own studies. Ranking socially and intellectually with the professions of law and medicine, in remuneration the profession of teaching is placed far below them. More than that, the salaries paid to large numbers of teachers are less than half of what many artisans receive. A table published in a recent number of a New York paper throws some light on the question:

## TEACHERS AND WAGE-EARNERS

## THE PAY OF TEACHERS

In some cases these figures are the minimum rates in the localities named; in other cases they are the average rate. The yearly rate is, in every case, the entire sum that a teacher can earn in a year; there is no such thing as overtime for them, and they are employed only from seven to ten months a year. In this respect they can be compared with some outdoor artisans who cannot work the year around. As to places outside of New York, some allowance must be made for differences in the cost of living.

	Month	Year
Bucks Co., Pa.....	\$35.00	\$ 245.00
Hazleton, Pa.....	35.00	350.00
Chester, Pa.....	40.00	380.00
Georgetown, Del.....	35.00	315.00
All Idaho (male av.).....	71.03	710.30
All Idaho (female av.).....	55.90	559.00
New York City (min., female)	60.00	600.00
New York City (min., male)...	90.00	900.00
Elmira, N. Y. (male average)		593.00
Elmira, N. Y. (female average)		423.00
Columbia Coll., N. Y.		
111 professors (av.).....		3746.85
39 adj. professors (av.).....		2126.92

## UNION RATES OF WAGES IN NEW YORK

These figures are official. In every case the figures are the minimum, the least amount which the union will allow a member to accept. As a matter of fact, many workmen make more than the figures given, for "overtime" (any time over eight hours a day) is paid extra at the rate of one-half more than the regular rate; and work done on Sundays and holidays is paid for at double rates. The yearly rate is based on three hundred working days of eight hours each.

	Day	Year
Bricklayer.....	\$5.60	\$1680.00
Mason.....	4.40	1320.00
Carpenter.....	4.80	1440.00
Plasterer.....	5.30	1590.00
Hod-carrier.....	3.00	900.00
Tile-layer.....	5.00	1500.00
Cabinet-maker.....	4.00	1200.00
Steam-fitter.....	5.00	1500.00
Stationary engineer.....	5.00	1500.00
Electrical worker.....	4.50	1350.00
Printer (per week).....	21.00	1092.00
Linotype-operator (per week)	23.00	1196.00
Tile-layer's helper.....	3.00	900.00
Electrical engineer.....	5.00	1500.00
Hoisting engineer.....	5.00	1500.00
Rigger engineer.....	4.00	1200.00